

in the school has, at least once, been kept *sub rosa* for a longer time than was quite proper, I will mention what happened one Saturday night not long ago. It is customary for the boys to have a dance in the school every Saturday evening during the winter, to which "old boys" have a standing invitation. On the Saturday evening before the last outbreak of fever was publicly known, the boys met for their dance. A number of Lennoxville ladies attended, and some people from Sherbrooke. *When they were all assembled in the school hall*, they were told that Booth "had such a headache, and was so sensitive to noise," that it would be better not to have a dance that evening. It is true it was known that Booth and his brother, and Tiffin, and Ogilvie, and Stewart, had been on the sick list for two or three weeks, and two of them had been in bed for more than a week, but the other boys in the school knew only of it as a "bad cold"! All this was, of course, very considerate for Booth, but not quite so considerate for the other boys and the guests. The poor boy who died was taken home only that evening, or the day before, so dangerously ill with typhoid fever, that it was considered extremely perilous to move him. Now, either the school authorities knew, or they did not know, of the existence of this typhoid fever. If they *did not know* what the disease was, they are perhaps not deserving of much censure; but any illness at that time, and in that place, was to be looked upon with suspicion, and none with more suspicion than a bad cold. If they *did know*, the boys should have been sent home, or out of the school, at once, and their parents informed of the situation; or, the sick boys should have been sent home, or out of the school; and, most assuredly, it was hardly a proper place to allow guests to assemble in—*for a dance!* But it would appear as if everything must give way to the school. It would never do—for the reputation of the school—after all the expense just incurred in drainage, in chemical analysis of water, and in the search for that unseen mystery "which smoked with bloody execution"—a typhoid fever "GERM"! No! had not the result of a chemical analysis of the water in common use been flaunted in the